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15 Passengers Drown in River Rima in Sokoto

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By Mohammed Aminu in Sokoto

At least 15 passengers were said to have drowned when their vehicle plunged into River Rima in Goronyo local government area of Sokoto state.

THISDAY checks revealed that incident occurred Thursday night, when the deceased persons were travelling back to their hometown Dan-Wawaru village from Takakume village in Goronyo council.

THISDAY gathered that the victims were said to have attended a religious ceremony on the fateful day and the driver was said to have fallen asleep and lost control of the vehicle which plunged into the river.

Confirming the incident to newsmen in Sokoto Saturday, the Police Public Relations Officer and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Al-Mustapha Sani, said the incident occurred when a Toyota Avensis car was conveying 17 persons, adding that only two persons survived.

He disclosed that the remains of the deceased were evacuated by the police attached to the Goronyo police division. The PPRO said the deceased had since been buried by their respective families according to Islamic rites.

Meanwhile, Governor Aliyu Wamakko, has condoled with the families of the deceased over the incident. He urged the families of the deceased to regard the incident as an act of God and prayed for the repose of their souls.

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